

BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

ADULT BIRTHDAYS

3/9 Donna Binggeli
 3/10 Elizabeth Fomukong
 3/11 James Babbin

CHILDREN / YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

3/9 Geenger Gallardo (15)



PRESBYTOPICS

Our love and prayers are with—

- † Rebekah Vanderstoep & Iradj Vokhshoori following the birth of their granddaughter, Koralee Jewel Atwater Vokhshoori on March 2, 2026. Koralee is the daughter of Nikolas Vokhshoori & Kaleigh Atwater and the brother of Kirbie Andrew Atwater Vokhshoori.
- † Ida King who has been hospitalized since December 5 until now with COVID and Pneumonia. She is being discharged to go home on March 6.
- † Maddie Gamble who is currently at Santa Monica Hospital undergoing treatment for a severe infection affecting her kidneys.

Please help us keep Presbytopics up to date! If you or someone in our WPC family is hospitalized ... if there's the joy of a new child or grandchild ... if there's the sorrow of the loss of an immediate family member – please let us know. Email or call the Church Office or any of the pastors.

Our prayers continue for those of our faith family in need of God's healing touch:

Rubina Andonian	Eva Hrachovec	Linda S. Spitzer
Polly Berger	Ian Hrachovec	Kuki Sullam
Susan Chapman	Nancy Immel	Amy Tan
Aiden Cohen Davis	Mark S. Jones Sr.	Ron Tranquilla
Christopher Davis	Nina Louie	Wes Truitt
Earl Ellis	Queen Esther Rankins	
Rose Helm	Rita Ries	



This Sunday, the Flame of Unity will be at **Eden Presbyterian Church of Honolulu**. We pray for these congregations as others pray for us when the flame is here. The Flame of Unity is a symbol of our shared mission and service in Christ, appearing each week at one of the congregations of the Presbytery of the Pacific.

COMING UP

Sun. Mar. 8 Daylights Savings Time
Marathon Sunday—No Morning Worship Service
 WPC Evening Worship & Supper— 6:00pm
In Hoffman Hall

Sun. Mar. 15 **WPC Worship Service—** 10:00am
4th Sunday in Lent
 Faith Conversation 11:20am

Wed. Mar. 18 **Women Reading** 7:00pm

Sun. Mar. 22 **WPC Worship Service—** 10:00am
5th Sunday in Lent

Sat. Mar. 28 **Easter Egg Hunt** 11:00am
at Crestwood Hills Park in Brentwood

Sun. Mar. 29 **WPC Worship Service—** 10:00am
Palm/Passion Sunday

WESTWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS

All the People

PASTORAL

Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian, Pastor
 Rev. Mark S. Jones Sr., Pastor of Mission, Outreach, and Pastoral Care
 Rev. Paula Mann, Executive Associate Pastor

PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Anne Cioffi, Coordinator of Membership Ministries
 Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries
 Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care
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 Michelle Whelan, Interim Student Ministries Director

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WORSHIP

Abi Abanto, JJ Hickey, Nick Pelayo, Levi Yin, AV Tech
 JA'Michael Davis-Hoag, Sunday Receptionist
 Laurel Sanders, Organist
 Dakota Hodge, Sound & Lighting Engineer

SECTION LEADERS

Elias Berezin and Emerson Boatwright, tenors
 Christina Borgioli and Devon Davidson, sopranos
 Emily Kerrigan, alto
 Matthew Lewis, bass

PRESCHOOL

Tajmaya "Taj" Anders, Preschool Curriculum Specialist
 Priscilla Glaza, Preschool Office Assistant
 Brianne Naiman, Preschool Director
 Heidi Rudd, Preschool Office Manager



NEWS & CONCERNS

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

<i>Holy Week</i> SCHEDULE	
Saturday, March 28 Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic	11:00AM
March 29 Palm Sunday Service	10:00AM
April 2 Maundy Thursday Service	6:00PM
April 3 Good Friday Vespers Service	7:00PM
Saturday, April 4 Easter Cross Decorating	10:00AM
April 5 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Pierce Brothers in-person and online at WPC	7:00AM 9:00AM 11:00AM

FAITH CONVERSATION—NEXT SUNDAY!



Please join us after worship **next Sunday, March 15, in the Sanctuary** for a *Faith Conversation* with Dr. Daniel Wehrenfennig. Daniel is the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for International Experiential Learning (CIEL) and the founding Executive Director of the Olive Tree Initiative, an award-winning experiential learning program launched at UC Irvine. As a committed Christian with a doctorate in International Relations, he has taught and led programs focused on conflict analysis, constructive dialogue, and bridge-building across deep differences, drawing on years of experience accompanying groups in conflict-affected regions.

Daniel's presentation, "Navigating Change Together," will be a timely invitation for WPC to think clearly and faithfully about how communities move through seasons of transition with courage, honesty, and care for one another.

ADORN THE SANCTUARY WITH EASTER LILIES



It is a long WPC tradition to adorn our sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday. You can buy an Easter lily in memory or honor of a loved one, or simply as an act of love. **Each lily costs \$15. Sign up online today at westwoodpres.org or visit the table on the Side Porch after worship beginning next Sunday.** (Sign-ups close Monday, March 30).

After the Easter service(s), you can take your lilies home, give them to others as gifts, or donate them to be delivered to our members who are homebound or in other need. You may also choose to give extra towards the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. If you are able to assist with deliveries after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday, April 5, please contact the church office at office@westwoodpres.org.

Finally, while the stamens will be removed to reduce allergies, please note that lilies can be toxic to cats.

EASTER EGG HUNT —SATURDAY, MARCH 28



WPC's Children & Family Ministries Committee warmly invites you to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 28, 11:00am -1:00pm**. This year we'll return to the beloved Crestwood Hills Park tucked away in nearby Brentwood. Come hunt eggs on the hillside, play classic lawn games in the field, and, of course, meet the Easter

Bunny! It's a BYO picnic so remember to pack your baskets, grab your blankets, and get ready to share in some springtime fun and fellowship. We encourage participating families to help fill eggs with goodies (2 dozen per child is recommended). Feel free to grab a sack full of empty eggs outside Marin's office and either fill them up and return them to her or just bring some with you to the hunt! Inquiries may be sent to Marin Miller at mmiller@westwoodpres.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Easter's One Great Hour of Sharing offering (OGHS) brings hope to people in difficult times. Gifts are divided between two worthy efforts. One half supports our denomination's mission - including the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People.

The other half will support the *Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice's (CLUE)* Detained Immigrant Bond Fund. CLUE educates, organizes, and mobilizes religious leaders and community members to walk with our immigrant siblings promoting dignity and respect for everyone regardless of documentation status. CLUE's Bond Fund provides financial support to help secure the legal representation and release of detained community members whose families are facing separation from immigration detention or deportation.

Give generously as we wrap our arms around our neighbors in need. Donate by scanning the QR code below and **select One Great Hour of Sharing**; or by check, adding OGHS in the memo line.

NOAH'S ARK FIELDTRIP

Last Sunday a total of thirty-four of our WPC community went on the Noah's Ark Field Trip and had a great time! We enjoyed exploring the ark, story time, imaginative play, the garden, and especially being with each other.



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE



The PNC published our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP)! You can find it on our website, under "Updates" and "Pastor Nominating Committee," where there's a link that says, "Click here to see the MDP now." Feel free to share it with anyone you think might be a good candidate for us. But do it soon, because our application window is closing in a few weeks.

We thank the PNC members, Robyn Paris, Michael Sohigian, Kathryn Welch Howe, David Kadue, M.C. Haslett, Gabby Esunge, and Nick Castellano for their diligent work.

INTRODUCING DAKOTA HODGE



Last Sunday, we welcomed our new sound engineer, Dakota Hodge! Dakota brings high recommendations with extensive work with live audio and video work for religious services, corporate events, awards ceremonies, and more. He joins our AV team - JJ Hickey and Nick Pelayo who run our livestream video - as he runs the sound board up in the balcony.

Please say hi and introduce yourselves next week!

YOUTH LOCK-IN!



The 8 Church Lock In was a success! Fun was had by all. Dodge Ball, live music, ice cream sundae bar, movies, and making friends from throughout our So Cal Christian community. Thanks to all everyone who participated and supported!

WOMEN READING —WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18



Women Reading invites you to join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, March 18, at 7:30pm** to discuss the book *Joyride* by Susan Orlean. *Joyride* is Susan's most personal book ever—a searching journey through finding her feet as a journalist, recovering from the excruciating collapse of her first marriage, falling head-over-heels in love again, and becoming a mother while mourning the decline of her own mother.

Newcomers are always welcome—if you would like to receive the Zoom link to join our thoughtful community of women readers please contact the church office at office@westwoodpres.org.

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